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1. On 28 March, the 16 and 17 Armies of the Chinese Communist 5 Army Group¹ started moving southeast from Yangdok (126-38, 39-13) (BU-9643), Hoeyang (127-37, 38-42) (CT-8084), and Hwach'ang (126-30, 39-15) (BU-8447) staging areas.
2. The following Chinese Communist armies have been alerted to prepare for a general offensive: the 26 Army, on a line in the east central front; 42 Army, on a line in the vicinity of P'yonggang (127-18, 38-25) (CT-5233); 64 Army, on the front in an area north of Ch'orwon (127-12, 38-15) (CT-4335);² and the 37 Army, in the vicinity south of Sinup (126-47, 39-55) (CV-1120).³
3. The North Korean I, III, V and VI Corps are massing in the east coast area.⁴

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Elements of which were previously reported in Korea in [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] Comment. Other information places it southwest of Ch'orwon.

3. [REDACTED] Comment. According to available information, the 37 Army has been dropped from order of battle.

4. [REDACTED] Comment. According to available information, the VI Corps was inactivated in December. [REDACTED] ILLEGIB

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Comment. See [redacted] and [redacted] for predictions from independent sources of a spring offensive. Preparations for such an offensive have not been confirmed by other available information.

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